

Music, Art, Theatre
in S.W.

Near Southwest, D.C., is a haven for the arts these days. Two busy theatre stages at Arena Stage have three more productions coming up before summer. Jazz, chamber music, and choirs are in a number of venues in Southwest. Even Rap artists are busy in our midst.

Painters, sculptors and photographers from a dozen states are showing off their craft in the third annual Inaugural Art Exhibit now showing at the Millennium Art Center, 65 I (Eye) St. S.W. The Center also was the scene of an Artists' Inaugural Ball on the evening of the Presidential Inaugural. (See stories on p. 4 and 5)■



At opening night *the Friday before Inauguration Day* visitors viewed the *Inaugural Art Exhibit* at Millennium Art Center in Southwest.

**SWNA Black History
Program Mon. Feb. 26**

The monthly meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will celebrate with an African-American Heritage.



Among performers at the *Second Anniversary concert of Jazz Night In Southwest* were, *left to right*: Ricky Loza, *drums*; Michael Thomas, *trumpet*; Buck Hill, *sax*; and George Botts, *tenor sax*.

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**Free Parking For
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The Green Line overload during rush hours may have been caused by METRO giving free parking for over 7,000 cars at four new stations in Prince George's County, MD. As a promotion for their new service on the Green Line METRO is waiving the \$1.75 parking fee at the new stations until March 1.

The number of all day spaces at the new stations are:
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Suitland has a parking ramp *and total of 1,890 all day parking spaces*.



Branch Ave. Sta. on the METRO *Green Line* has *3,072 all day parking spaces*.



Crowds at Waterfront Sta. *can't get on the Green Line trains heading downtown in the morning because of the shortage of rail cars and the free parking provided to encourage riders at the new stations in Prince George's County*.



Southern Ave. has 1,960 *parking all day spaces with a two story parking ramp*.

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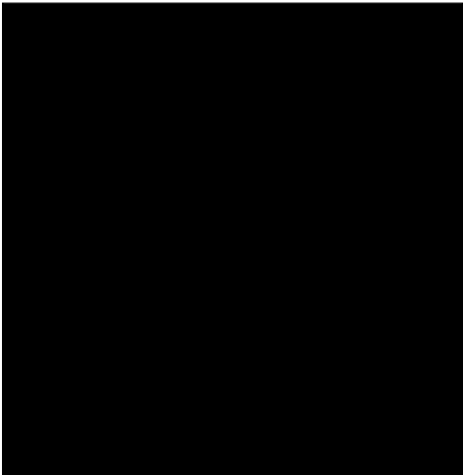
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Clara Brewer, Longtime S.W. Activist



Funeral services were held at St. Matthews Lutheran Church for Clara M. Brewer who passed at age ____ on January 17.

The pages of The Southwester over the past 20 years contain many, many references to her activities and contributions to her Southwest neighborhood and its people. Here are a few:

- Grass Roots award by the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations for activities as:
- Treasurer of SW Neighborhood Assembly
- Program, recreation and education chairs of the SWNA
- Save Our Mall Committee
- Jefferson Jr. High activity (March 1980, p. 8)
- President of the S.W. Child Development Center (February 1981 p. 5)
- President of the Home & School Associa-

- tion, Jefferson Jr. High (August 1982 p. 8
- Arthur Capper Health Center community worker (February 1984 p 2) and later outreach committee (February 1985, p. 4) and neighborhood health technician (December 1987 p. 6)
- Member Southwest Community Council (February 1985, p.3)
- Honored at the SWNA buffet at Hogate's Terrace Room (November 1985 p. 1; December 1985 p. 2
- Pinned the lieutenant's bars on her son Kenneth (August 1988 p. 1)
- Elected district representative on the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board May 1989, p. 8

The December, 1993, issue of The Southwester has a front page story entitled "Citizen of the Month" on the occasion of Mrs. Brewer moving from Southwest to a home of her own in Hillcrest Heights near Pennsylvania Ave. S.E. and Alabama Ave. It mentions her activities as a health worker with Southwest Community House, with the Tri-School PTA for Syphax, Amidon and Bowen Elementary Schools, with the Randall Marine Science and Aeronautics High School effort, her active membership in St. Matthews Lutheran Church, and her success in raising four daughters and four sons.

Clara Brewer will be long remembered. A scholarship fund in her memory has been set up at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. ■

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Millennium Art Center Exhibit Ends Mar. 2



Tide Pools by Kevin Grass, *Fla.* in the art exhibit at Millennium Art Center.

One hundred and twenty five artists from 24 states are represented in an exhibit open to the public at Millennium Art Center, 65 I (Eye) St. S.W. Hours for viewing are 11 am to 5 pm Wed. through Sat. Call 479-2572.

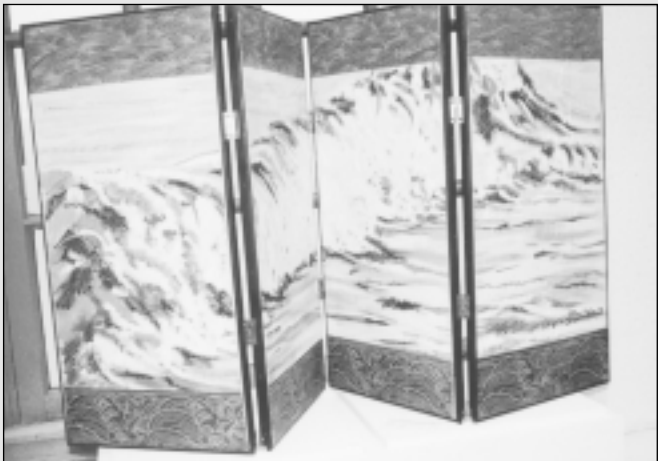
A public reception for the Southwest neighborhood will be held Saturday, February 24 from 2 to 5 pm

This juried exhibit was arranged by Bill Wooby, director of the center, to coincide with the Presidential Inaugural. In 1993 he presented a similar exhibit when he was director of his Collector Art Gallery and Restaurant at Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C. In 1997 he presented a a similar exhibit at his “Art on the 7th Floor” gallery at the Washington Design Center on D St. S.W.

Jurors for this exhibition included Andrea Pollan of the McLean Project for the Arts and Sarah Tanguy, independent curator and consultant.■



Reflections by Jack de Graffenried, *Conn.* Graphite on linen.



Dauphin Island series #54 by Judi Geer Kellas, *Kansas.* Mixed media/acrylic.



Five musicians from a past concert of the Southwest Chamber Music Players are (left to right): Kristen Lindley, Carl Tretter, *violin*; Jerry Schwarz, *clarinet*; Carol Warden, *cello*, and Nicholas Fobe, *viola*.



After a concert at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church the musicians are caught before they had a chance to pose (to say the least). Left to right are Carl Tretter, *violin*; David Ehrlich, *piano*; Dorothy Amaran-dos, *cello*; Mary Josse Blanchard, *flute*; Rosemarie Houghton, *soprano*; Cecilie Jones, *viola*; Carl Blackwell, *flute*; Edward Skidmore, *double bass*.

S.W. Chamber Players 4th Anniversary

The Southwest Chamber Players will offer their 50th free concert of chamber music on Thursday, Mar. 15, at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and M St. S.W.

Starting on March 11, 1997, David Ehrlich has brought more than 70 musicians, both amateur and professional, to Southwest

to perform classical music concerts for Wash- ington music lovers.

Ehrlich promises the March 15 concert will be “a gala celebration,” with “many alum- ni to perform old favorites again.” ■

Hip Hop Rap Group From Southwest

Look for promotion parties in the com- ing months as a new Hip Hop Rap group of young men who grew up in Southwest introduce their new R & B rap CD enti- tled “The Diamond District.”

They have their material copyrighted, have a name – C.A.L.A.B.O.—and an e- mail address clabosw@yahoo.com.

Their producer is Michael Baylor. They all have written lyrics and music and have recorded 14 numbers for the CD, 7 of which are radio-edited. Others in the group are Davon Carter, Nate Johnson, Jamal Johnson, David Johnson.

Also on the CD is a group called Cataract.

They are contacting local radio sta- tions and making fliers. ■



Nate Johnson expects a rap CD out soon, called The Diamond District.

Arena Keeps Its Stages Busy

With its 50th Anniversary season half way through, Arena Stage is keeping its two main stages busy and frequent performances at the Old Vat downstairs.

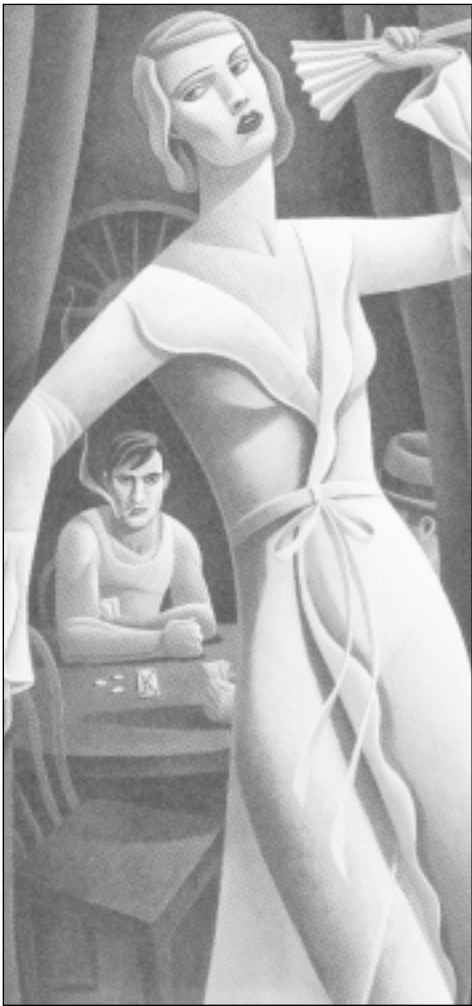
“Tom Walker” is now running through March 4. “Coyote Builds North America,” a play to be directed by Artistic Director Molly Smith, runs from Mar. 2 through April 15. She directed that play a few years ago at Perseverance Theatre in Alaska.

A five week run of Tennessee Williams’ “Streetcar Named Desire” begins March 30 and runs till May 6. The final performance will be “Constance Star,” on the life of Ida B. Wells, playing May 4 through July 1. It is written by and will be directed by Tazewell Thompson. ■

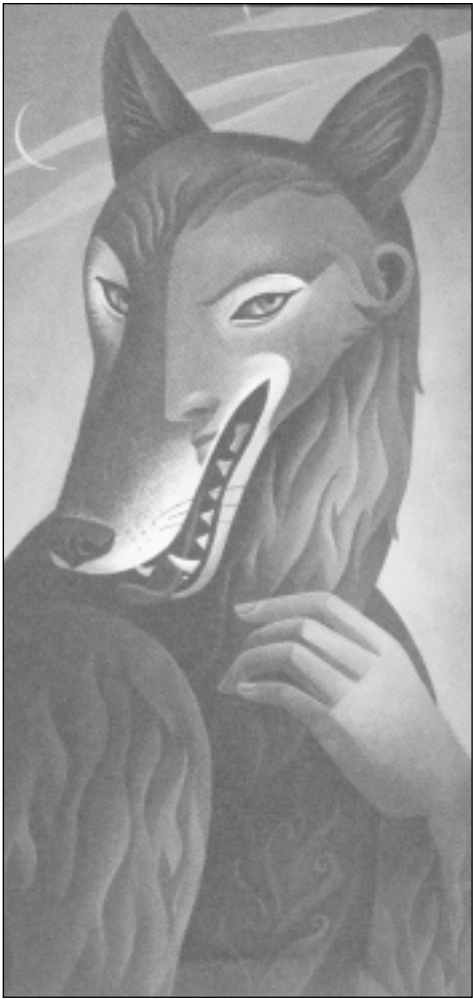
Arena Cast Donates To Law Center

The Arena Stage cast for “The Great White Hope” made a contribution to the anti-racism group The Southern Poverty Law Center instead of exchanging opening night gifts.

The theme of Howard Sackler’s play is American race relations. Terrence Currier, a member of the cast, urged the donation instead of an exchange of gifts because “I can’t think of a more appropriate expression of our collective voice in the fight against bigotry, intolerance and racism.” ■



“A Streetcar Named Desire,” is scheduled for the Fichandler stage at Arena Stage from March 30 through May 6. The Tennessee Williams classic will be directed by Janos Szasz.



March 2 through April 15 are the dates for the Arena Stage performance of “Coyote Builds North America,” about which Molly Smith says “A fabulous team of musicians, dancers, visual artists and storytellers will come together to produce this total theatrical experience.”



John Glover as Tom Walker and Margaret Kemp as Cora in “Tom Walker” at Fichandler Stage of the Arena.

Friday Night Jazz In Southwest Starts Its 3rd Year

The 104th consecutive Friday night jazz concert ended the second year of operation of the popular program at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W.

An outpouring of literally dozens of jazz musicians who had been on earlier programs filled the night with music and warmth.

A special tribute was given to Earl Banks whose “Earl Banks Lettum Play” is responsible for lining up the musical group each week.■



“Impresarios” for the two year old jazz program are Rev. Brian Hamilton and Earl Banks.



Among the musicians at the 2nd Anniversary concert of Friday Night Jazz in Southwest were, left to right: Blues singer Nap Turner, singer Dick Smith, in back; Arnold Sterling, alto sax; Ricky Loza, drums; _____, bass; _____, piano.

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H & R Block will show you what to look out for as you prepare your Form 1040 for the year 2000 at the monthly meeting of the S.W. chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Thursday, Feb. 22 downstairs in the S.W. Branch Library, near 3rd & K St. S.W.

Ken Wilson, who appears on the annual CNN call-in show about income taxes, will conduct the meeting.

The regular April 15 tax deadline falls on Easter Sunday this year. Post offices will be accepting your mail-in form on Monday, April 16, with no late penalty. ■

Frank Atwater, *National President and CEO of NARFE*, spoke at the annual luncheon of the S.W. chapter of the organization at Channel Inn on the Southwest Waterfront.

Many Metro riders at Green Line's Waterfront station are left behind, hoping that later trains will have room.

METRO riders at the Waterfront/SEU station try to squeeze in during morning rush hour.

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- “Here is my list of current projects in the Navy Yard area.
- M Street Renovation
 - 8th Street Main Street Project
 - South East Expressway Repairs/11th St Bridge
 - Marine Barracks: 300 beds, parking, ball fields
 - South East Federal Center Development
 - Anacostia Community Rowing Center
 - Waterfront trail
 - Commuter Ferry

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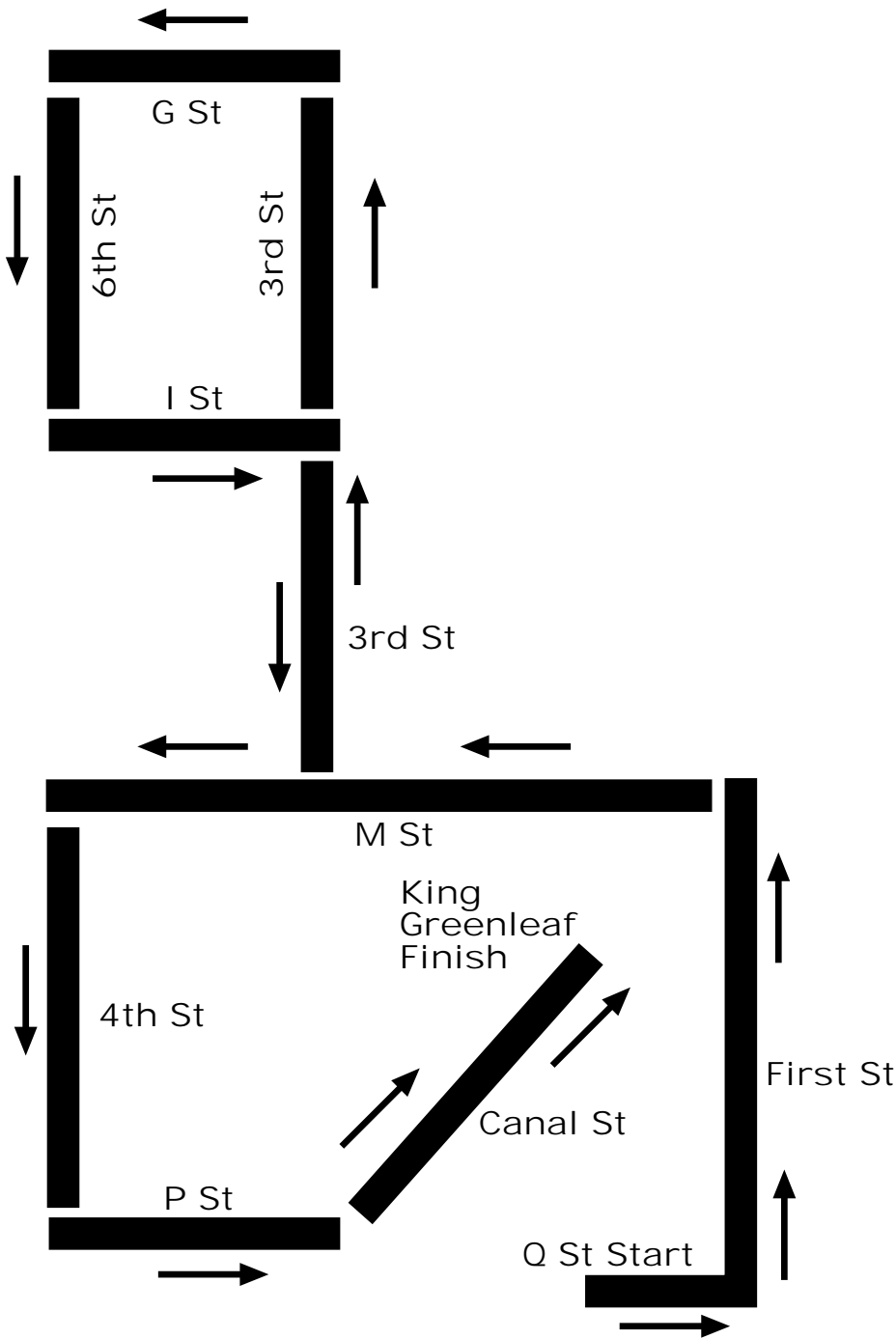
The annual “Fat Tuesday” pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday—the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent—will be held again on Feb. 27 in the Parish Meeting Room on E St. S.W. between 6th and 7th St. S.W. ■

- New METROBUS Shuttle
- 20 M Street SE, Available
- 80 M Street SE, 7 story office building
- 140 M Street SE, office building (265 KSF)
- 200 M Street SE, 5 story office building
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- 701 M Street SE, (Blue Castle) office renovation
- 710 L Street SE, office renovation (2000 SF)
- 801 M Street SE, office renovation
- 920/922 M Street SE, 4400SF office renovation
- 100 Potomac Avenue: office, retail, residential Maritime Plaza: office, hotel, retail
- Waterside Mall (SW) renovation: Office, retail
- Tauber Building, Half Street SW: Office renovation

- New Jersey Avenue projects:
- Washington Post printing plant (Tech Center)
- Washington Star warehouse site
- Hotel/Residential plans

If you know of more (and are authorized to disclose them) please let me know.
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June 2 S.W. Parade Route – (tentative)



Students look at “Black Inventors” display in Waterside Mall



Wine Tastings are held at Harry’s in Waterside Mall Thurs., Fri., and Sat. from 2 pm to 7 pm. Call them at (202) 783-4200 for information.



Club #4 MPB&G basketball players are in the middle of their season.

Washington Interfaith Network

Progress comes slowly, but W.I.N.—the Washington Interfaith Network of about 50 religious and labor groups, including S.W. churches, sees progress in such efforts as building affordable housing, starting after-school programs and getting repairs to school buildings.

W.I.N. was most visible during the 1998 Mayoral election, when 60,000 copies of the responses of candidates to W.I.N.'s list of important issues were distributed.

Since then W.I.N. continues to emphasize grass-roots citizen organizing and to work closely with the Mayor, the School Superintendent and others to monitor progress on its goals.

W.I.N. leaders and parents conducted audits of 35 schools, listing repairs needed.

Superintendent Vance has committed to making the repairs.

Ground has been broken on the first 147 units of affordable housing at Ft. Dupont. The Mayor's scorecard claims success on starting 1,000 new housing units, rehabilitating 1,000 units and demolishing 500 units. W.I.N.'s goal is 1,000 units of affordable housing.

W.I.N.'s goal of after school programs for every child will require \$30 million of dedicated funds. WIN has helped get 4 programs up and running.■



Parents line up early in the morning at the library door of Jefferson Jr. High on the first day for applying for "out-of-district" attendance at D.C. public schools.

Dance, Art & Song At Westminster

Workshops on "The Wholeness of God" will be conducted by The Institute for Women and Wisdom at Westminster Presbyterian Church Saturday, Mar. 17, from 10a.m. to 3:30 pm. The free workshops are entitled, "The Lord of the Dance", "Old and New Ways of Seeing God," and "Singing A New Song of God." A \$10 lunch will be served by Southwest Catering. ■



The Bowen Bobcats basketball team of Bowen Elementary School.

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